

January 26, 2007

**RE: PSC Dockets 06-241 and 07-20**

Dear Hearing Examiner O'Brien,

I submit the following comments on the proposed RFP/IRP schedule.

The original RFP schedule provided for public comment on the RFP bids occurring 12 days after the state agencies evaluation of proposals filed. The proposed schedule provides for public comment on the IRP but not the RFP. The new proposed schedule should include both dissemination of the state agencies evaluation to the public and an opportunity for the public to comment. If the timeframe for decisionmaking is lengthened, the public should be given a minimum of 30 days to submit comments once the evaluation has been publicly disclosed.

I would note for the record that I have been an advocate of the PSC slowing down and giving adequate consideration to public comments. When I raised a motion to that effect early on in the proceedings I was told in effect that the show had to go on according to the schedule in the law and that the PSC had no choice but to meet the schedule. Later, when I filed a motion for reconsideration and rehearing, the Commission staff suggested that my motion did not properly suspend finality of a PSC rule because again the tight time schedule precluded normal rights afforded a party to these proceedings. It is unfortunate that the Commission and DNREC did not support those earlier requests to proceed at a more measured pace when crafting the RFP, as the bidding rules can go a long way in determining the outcome of the bid.

I take no position on the delay at this time other than to state that any extension must provide the public with 30 days on which to comment on the staff's evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

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